



White Mountain National Forest

Volunteer Duties Guide



Position: TRAILHEAD STEWARD	<p>The White Mountain National Forest (WMNF) is currently seeking applicants for the role of trailhead steward. The trailhead steward program is a new program designed to equip forest visitors with information they need while travelling in the backcountry. The information is intended to help the user protect the fragile resources of the WMNF and stay safe while in the backcountry. This will be accomplished by hikers interacting with the trailhead steward in the parking lot. The steward will be positioned at some of the busiest trailheads, during peak use, on the Pemigewasset Ranger District of the White Mountain National Forest. The Forest Service will provide a pop up canopy style tent for shelter as well as visual aids (maps, photos, etc) to draw forest visitors. The steward will provide forest visitors with critical information they need BEFORE they hit the trail. Information will be focused around Leave No Trace principles and other education messages to include; how to travel lightly on the land, proper food storage in bear country and general hiker preparedness. Contact John Marunowski to get more information and sign up for a new, exciting opportunity.</p>
WMNF Unit	Pemigewasset Ranger District
Direct Supervisor	John Marunowski – jmarunowski@fs.fed.us , (603) 536-6106
Responsibilities	<ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ Sign a volunteer agreement with the Forest Service➤ Sign on with the program for a minimum of two (4-6 hr.) shifts throughout the summer➤ Attendance at the annual trailhead steward training, June 7th, 2014➤ Work in conjunction with interns from Plymouth State who will be serving as the lead stewards➤ Transportation to and from the trailhead
Desired Qualifications	<ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ Minimum age of 18➤ Friendly, professional demeanor able to represent the Forest Service➤ Flexibility and a willingness to learn➤ Experience working with the public or public speaking experience desired
Volunteer Shifts	<ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ Volunteer shifts will be typically range from 4-6 hours per shift➤ Minimum commitment of two shifts per summer and attendance at required training.➤ Shift options; Friday: 3-7 pm, Saturday: 7-12 am, Sunday: 7-12 am➤ Pilot Trailheads: Old Bridle Path / Falling Waters, Ammonoosuc Ravine, Lincoln Woods
Training	<p><u>Mandatory:</u> Trailhead Steward Training – June 7th, 2014</p> <p><u>Details:</u> At the training learn the basics of leave no trace principles and how to convey them to the public in a succinct fashion. Learn the challenges faced by land managers and how you can help protect the fragile areas of the White Mountain National Forest and keep hikers safe.</p>
Benefits	<ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ Satisfaction in knowing the information provided will help others recreate safely and protect the resource➤ Uniforms – a Forest Service volunteer uniform shirt will be provided➤ WMNF recreation pass (parking pass) for 16 hours of volunteer service➤ America the beautiful pass (for all federal areas) for 250 hours of volunteer service